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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: F. BIOLLEY
Serial No.: 09/471,501
Filed: December 23, 1999
For: HYBRID RISER OR PIPE FOR FLUID TRANSFER
Group Art Unit: 3671
Examiner: A. Pechhold

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 9, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 9 and 11 as follows:

1. (Four times amended) A pipe for great water depths (D) allowing transfer of a fluid between a floating support (1) and a fixed point located below and at a distance from the water surface, characterized in that it comprises:

a continuously flexible riser part (7) connected, at one end, to the fixed point located below the surface, and

a rigid riser part (6) connected to the flexible riser part at one end and to the floating support at the second end thereof,

said rigid riser part (6) having a length at least equal to half the water depth.